



**WEST VIRGINIA SENATE
COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION**

Minutes for February 28, 2019

Pursuant to the call of the Chairman, the Senate Committee on Government Organization met on February 28, 2019, at 2:00 p.m. in Room 208-W.

All members being present, with the exception of Senator Mann and Senator Woelfel, the Chairman declared the presence of a quorum (See attached Roll Call and Agenda).

On motion of Senator Swope, the minutes from the previous meeting held February 26, 2019, were approved.

H.B. 2439 – Relating to fire service equipment and training funds for volunteer and part-volunteer fire companies

Carl Fletcher, Committee Counsel, explained the purpose of the bill and responded to questions. On motion of Senator Swope, H.B. 2439 was reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

H.B. 2958 - Authorizing the State Auditor to conduct regular financial examinations or audits of all volunteer fire companies

Seth Gaskins, Committee Counsel, explained the purpose of the bill and responded to questions. With leave of the Committee, Stephen Connolly, General Counsel, Deputy State Auditor, WV State Auditor's Office; Randy James, President, WV State Fire Chief's Association; and Zack Maynard, WV House of Delegates, District 22, addressed the Committee and responded to questions. Senator Palumbo moved to amend the bill, it was put and adopted. Senator Jeffries moved to amend the bill, it was put and adopted. On motion of Senator Swope, H.B. 2958 was reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, as amended.

H.B. 2992 – Relating to governmental websites

Nathaniel Burdette, Herndon Fellow, explained the purpose of the bill and responded to questions. Senator Palumbo moved to amend the bill, it was put and adopted. On motion of Senator Swope, the strike and insert amendment was adopted. On motion of Senator Swope, H.B. 2992 was reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, as amended, but under the original double committee reference first be referred to the Committee on Finance.

H.B. 2452 - Creating the West Virginia Cybersecurity Office

Carl Fletcher, Committee Counsel, explained the purpose of the bill and responded to questions. On motion of Senator Swope, H.B. 2452 was reported to the full Senate with the recommendation that it do pass; but under the original double committee reference first be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion of Senator Swope, the meeting was adjourned.

Gregory L. Boso, Chair

Isabel Kinnison, Clerk